

## Seat of the Soul In the Stomach.

By Jane Meredith.

The location of that divine part of man that we call the soul is one of the mysteries that is always of fascinating interest. Whereabouts in the human frame, bound up in what muscles, and sinews, and tissues, guarded by what bone, fed by what blood, is the part of us that loves and hates, grieves and rejoices, that is happy or sorrowful, that clings to old things or yearns for new ones?

Poetic tradition ascribes these functions to the heart, most erroneously, as scientists tell us that the heart is a particularly tough muscle, useful as a pump, but incapable of delicate sensations. Moreover, the condition of the heart is merely a physical affair. It does not color one's views of life.

People with sick hearts have gone on quite cheerfully to the end, not knowing the fate that was upon them, and so while we talk about a broken heart and a heart bowed down with grief, and so on, we recognize it merely as a figure of speech.

Probably we shall never know the exact location of the soul, but the burden of proof seems to show that if it is concealed anywhere about our person it is in our stomachs.

This is unromantic, but it is an indisputable fact that we get our opinions, our happiness, our philosophy and even our religion from our stomachs.

Give a man all the money and glory that it is possible for him to have and a bad stomach and he will be miserable, while on the contrary the man with a good stomach will be happy in spite of poverty and the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

A curious side light has been thrown on this subject by an article that the brilliant Mrs. Charlotta Perkins Gilman wrote recently, in which she gave her conception of the ideal home.

With most of Mrs. Gilman's provisions we will heartily agree. She wants a house beautiful and simple, light and bright and airy, and set about with its own grass and flowers, and better arranged to give privacy to the individuals of a family than our homes are now.

So say we all. Such a home would be a consummation devoutly to be wished, and we applaud all of her theories until we get to her idea of a dining room—the very soul of the house—and then we cry out that such a place wouldn't be any home at all, and that we wouldn't have it at any price, and that instead of being ideal we should consider it a nightmare.

For Mrs. Gilman in her ideal home is going to have no kitchen. All the meals are to be furnished from enormous central food supply companies and arrive clammy or "warmed up" at the make-believe home via under-ground passages, where doubtless the favorite motto on the dining room wall will be the scriptural injunction, "Eat what is set before you, and ask no questions for conscience sake."

It's no use for Mrs. Gilman to tell us that this will be cheaper than for each family to do its own housekeeping, or that a log trust will be able to

hire a better chef than our Nora or Bridget, or for her to try to convince us that you can make a home without a kitchen. Nobody can imagine a happy family gathering about a sent-in meal, and when you break up the family dining table you will break up the home.

Mother's pies have their sacred place in life just much as mother's prayers.

Here and there a woman, worn out with the servant question, may be tempted to adopt Mrs. Gilman's ideal, but to most of us it seems simply sacrilegious. Yet she adds to the beauty and comfort of the home and eliminates nothing but the kitchen, which brings us back to the original question: Is the seat of the soul in the stomach?

### A Long Story Boiled Down.

There is nothing certain about love-making except the uncertainty.

The silver lining to a great many clouds is nothing but moonshine.

When a girl goes gunning for a husband, she should be careful to keep her powder dry.

Almost any man can start a newspaper for a family, but it takes a hustler to keep either of them going.

The girl in love who has a rival should keep an eye on her—and if the rival is a widow, keep both eyes on her.

When you hear one girl speak of another as being good and sensible, it is unnecessary for her to add that she is homely.

Six things are essential to the formation of a happy home—the first is a good cook and the other five are money.

Nature has a roundabout way of doing things. For instance, from chickens we get eggs and from eggs we get chickens.

He took things seriously all his life.

And no one wondered when he took unto himself a wife, and never smiled again.

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The water in Lake Contrary is so high that many of the expensive improvements which the Lake Improvement Company has made are threatened with destruction. Boats are being used in what is known as the German Village, and several of the pavilions are inundated.

### EYES, EYES.

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### Fashions Latest Mandates.

Bodices have wide yokes over the shoulders and berthas, made flat, pointed back and front, or they are nearly covered by a fichu, so that between these trimmings and the high belt the bodice proper gradually vanishes.

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Smart frocks, both for day and evening wear, are much trimmed and many have bands of deep lace insertion bordered with tiny ruffles of frayed-out silk on either side at the hem. Double box plaits, caught down at the tops and the bottoms, both protect and trim the foot of the skirts.

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Some gathered skirts have three rows of ruching in the middle of the skirt; the last heads a very wide and deep gathered flounce, edged with a ruche. Plaited skirts have three to five folds round the hem. These folds or wide tucks are one of the most popular modes of trimming just now.

The Monroe county delegates to the Joplin convention, Folk and anti-Folk alike, came back with enthusiastic praise for Mayor Reed of Kansas City. Reed was made temporary chairman of the convention and in his speech advocating harmony in behalf of the ticket, captured the body. His speech placing Rothwell in nomination was pronounced one of the most eloquent efforts in the history of Missouri conventions, yet neither was referred to by the metropolitan press. Missouri Democrats should not be slow in perceiving that the Republic and other pretending Democratic papers are working to encompass party defeat. Harmony is the last item in their plan and personal vendettas are to be waged, even if Mr. Folk is beaten as a result.—Mercury.

Says The Houston Post significantly: "In putting a little white girl and a little negro boy on the platform side by side at the Roosevelt convention in Chicago, the republican party did just exactly what was expected of it. Fathers of little white girls throughout the country will remember this tableau in November."

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### The Hen Was On

It was in the morning hours of "bake day" in the little out-of-the-way village of Stoutsville. The mingled odors of fresh bread, pies and cookies floated out of the open kitchen windows.

From one of the smaller cottages at the end of the street came a barefooted child in a colorless calico dress and slat sunbonnet. With the important air of a heavy buyer she entered the village store and handed across the counter a blue tea-cup. The proprietor took the cup and said in brisk tones:

"Well, Emmy, what does your ma want today?"

"Please, sir, ma wants an egg's worth of molasses," and she carefully placed a large white egg on the counter.

From a stone jug a little molasses was poured and the cup was set before the customer.

"Mr. Smif," she said, as she took her purchase, "I'll be back in a little while for some ginger. Ma said to tell you the black hen was on."

And the buyer walked with dignity out of the store and up the village street to her home.—Jefferson City Republican.

### How to Be a Jap And a Gentleman.

A curious clash between the old ideas and the new in Japan, and a distant change in the public attitude towards the women, has come with so called civilizing of things. The men do not know how to act, and the dilemma is amusing.

With his European manners and his European training the husband, as a gentleman, must let his wife enter a room before him whenever she wears European dress. As a Japanese, when she wears Japanese dress he could not think of such a thing. Even now every Japanese seems inclined to speak of woman as his inferior.

The dilemma—how to be a gentleman and a Japanese—is frequent, and the position somewhat Gilbertian.

Every effort both within and without Japan has been made to keep the ladies clothed in those national, graceful garments in which they are so exquisite; but progress rules, and the corset, the worst of all the borrowed features of civilization, has a tight and lasting hold upon the dainty little ladies of the east.

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